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Axis Powers



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HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



*"Don't you guys have
something better to
do....like change those
lame military uniforms
of yours?"*



France

[Official Name]

République française

[Capital] Paris

[Official Language] French

[Birthday] July 14

[National Flower] Iris

Once a European powerhouse, France turned in his sword to live the life of a farmer after the death of Napoleon. Now France enjoys showing tourists around his beautiful vineyards with a glass of wine in hand.

France is arrogant to an extreme, priding himself on his taste in language and art. Although his pride has put him on bad terms with England, he has a certain respect for England's strength. A lover of anything beautiful, he does not discriminate between men and women in his romantic endeavors.



This small, medieval-style hotel was renovated from an old aristocratic castle.

Although it has a romantic exterior, it is said to be haunted by the ghost of its previous owner.

Heh heh heh... welcome to hell, you filthy commoners!



(Japanese horror)
Famous Japanese horror films include Ringo and Jigoku. Video games such as Silent Hill and Fatal Frame also adopt a similar style. Using shadows as a tool for suspense, the scenes of horror often lie just beyond view. Thanks to its creepy sense of tension, Japanese horror has become popular around the world. Perhaps it is due to Japan's national character, but the lessons in the code of ethics "the living are more frightening than the dead."



[American horror movies]
 My word recently, the template for American horror movies was: A monster appears—a town is enveloped in chaos—the main characters die one after another—the monster is defeated with whatever—fuge is restored—die... or so it seems until you realize one of the monsters is still alive. Recently more variations have been added, however, anyone having sex on screen still usually ends up dead. Despite their predictable nature, American horror movies always deliver lots of suspense, action scenes and monsters.

[English horror]
 A large number of the tourist attractions and hotels in England are said to be haunted. Their horror movies often have a gothic feel. Although they are less popular now, there was a huge English horror movie boom in the '60s. Recently, English and American filmmakers collaborated to make a monster film called 28 Days Later, where everyone in England is infected by a virus that causes rage. As an added note, German horror movies are usually just full of gore.

"Germany, Germany!
I'm in North Africa right
now, and I can't tie
my shoes! Oh, and uh...
England is here, too."

















There
you are,
America-
san!

Yeah...



Yeah,
that
sounds
good.

Wow,
what a
tough
job!

Would
you like to
have your
coffee here?

I did
what I
could, but
I'm afraid
I gotta call
it a day
for now.

Wow!
I could
barely
wade
through all
the trash
in there!



Ha ha...
you've
just turned
into an
adult.

I think
I'm turning
into an old
man.

Looking
at all that
old stuff and
reminiscing
like that...I
just don't
have the
heart to throw
anything
away.



A Touching Conversation Ruined



[Panzerdum]

The Panzerdum was a rocket-propelled cart designed to penetrate Germany's massive defense fortresses during the Normandy Invasion. Ideally the weapon would speed ahead at about 80 miles per hour, making any German counterattacks nearly impossible. Unfortunately, the sand-covered contraption was unable to move straight and in the end, the only thing revolutionary about it was its complete uselessness.



And you are shopping for groceries.

You are a German.



...but the check-out line is unusually long.

You were lucky enough to catch a great deal on bratwurst...



In Spain, such carefree cashiers are an everyday experience.

This is because the cashier is from Spain, where relaxed personalities are common.

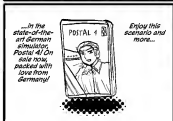


This is a common scene in Greece.

To top things off, a Greek, who is also laid-back, sets his items down as slowly as possible.

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Russia

[Official Name] Rossiyskaya Federatsiya
 [Capital] Moscow
 [Official Language] Russian
 [Birthday] December 30
 [National Flower] Sunflower

A massive northern nation who was once a terrible bully. In Russia, you can't do anything without vodka. For Russians, vodka is fuel. Every time Russia tries to invade southern territories, England stops him. As a result, Russia feels compelled to punch England at every encounter.

Thanks to annual visits from General Winter, Russia has grown to hate snow. Regardless, General Winter always seems to emerge as a powerful ally when it's time to go to war.

Although Russia may appear big-hearted with rural innocence, he is also childishly cruel. This is probably due to the fact that his history is lathered in bloodshed and tragedy.

*"Compromise?
 I'm afraid Russia
 does not offer
 such services."*



*Although his official name was the Soviet Republic back in the day, this story will address him as Russia. So be careful to note this any time you're taking a test, please.



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Poland

[Official Name] Rzeczpospolita Polska
 [Capital] Warsaw
 [Official Language] Polish
 [Birthday] July 22
 [National Flower] Rose

Poland was once a superpower who ruled Middle and Eastern Europe with his partner Lithuania. Unfortunately, with the demise of his mobility, his power faded. Although his land has been divided up by other nations countless times, he always amazingly manages to rise up and survive like the phoenix. He also has an infamously awesome national anthem.

Despite his tough exterior, Poland is actually quite shy and slow to trust others. This may be for the best, since he can be quite troublesome once he gets to know you. Poland's impetive nature constantly causes numerous countries to take advantage of him. However, he tends to get along exceptionally well with Lithuania and when crossing each other's borders, there is very little enmity.

His Valley girl accent from Nagoya is a product of the manga artist's strange tastes.

*"Like, don't
 make me enact the
 Poland Rule
 on you!"*





Lithuania

[Official Name]

Lietuvos Respublika

[Capital] Vilnius

[Official Language] Lithuanian

[National Foundation Day] February 16

[National Flower]

Common Elm

Lithuania is the eldest of the Three Baltic States Brothers. He was originally a member of the Teutonic Knights but later revolted against the Christian church and became Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Although he was constantly persecuted by German knights advocating the spread of Christianity, he did not accept the religion himself until forming the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Even so, his peace was short-lived, as he was eventually forced to escape to Russia.

Like the other Baltic brothers, Lithuania can be a bit of an introvert. However, he is especially good-natured and likes to take care of his friends. Tragically, his considerate personality might have helped earn him the title, "coward with the highest suicide rate." He loves literature and martial arts. He always buys his cars used. Lithuania is also known to be quite picky with spices and condiments, rotating various flavors of ketchup and mayonnaises on a daily basis.

*"Sheesh, why
do you have
to be so blunt,
Latvia?"*



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*"I don't want to
rely on anyone
else for this.
I'll find my own
way..."*

Estonia

[Official Name]

Eesti Vabariik

[Capital] Tallinn

[Official Language] Estonian

[Independence Day] February 24

[National Bird]

Swallow

The wisest of the Baltic brothers and the most lucky as well. The beautiful cities of Estonia have remained untouched by war and attract many tourists from all around the world.

Mild-mannered, smart, polite and financially secure, Estonia is on friendly terms with most other nations. However, despite his excellent standing, his self-centered way of doing things prevents him from gaining much recognition.



Latvia

[Official Name]

Latvijas Republika

[Capital] Riga

[Official Language] Latvian

[National Foundation Day]

November 18

[National Flower]

Margaret

The youngest of the Three Baltic States, Latvia has lived a troubled life. Taken over by German knights when he was still young, he later banded together with Poland and Lithuania only to be split in half and conquered by Russia.

Latvia is big-hearted, but shy and withdrawn. He loves poetry and romance novels. Unfortunately, he tends to be unintentionally blunt, often drawing Russia's ire.

*"I don't want
to live like this
anymore! Let's
join forces with
Germany!"*





You realize that today isn't April Fool's Day, don't you?

Will you... marry me?



See...?

ユウヤ
GUDOM

I... I can afford a calendar, at least.

H-hey, it was just a joke...

ha ha ha!

Ha ha ha... or are you so poor that you can't even afford a calendar?

That's a marriage registration form, you dolt!

France



W-why are you making me sign this?! Stop it!!

N-no! It's a calendar!

H-hey, cut it out France. You're scaring me...!

Too bad

GAAAAHHH!

Marriage Registration





[Anglo-Franco Alliance]

In 1956, with tensions mounting from the Suez Canal Crisis, the Prime Minister of France, Guy Mollet, suggested an Anglo-Franco Alliance, stating that he wouldn't mind "Queen Elizabeth becoming co-minister." Even after England rejected the idea, France still insisted they wanted to join the English commonwealth. No matter how you look at it, that's just impossible.



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